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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD  
SUBJECT: IDEALIST Operations

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Acting Chief, DPD. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 2. and 3.

2. Recommend that the next NIMBUS and LOW NOTE sorties be scheduled for Tuesday, 22 May 1962.

3. In reviewing requirements as approved by the Special Group, as well as climatology in the areas of interest, it is recommended that concepts for above activities be as follows:

a. NIMBUS:

Requirements in this area are for coverage once each 15 days, therefore, a tentative schedule for a sortie the first and third week of every month will enable us to exercise delays due to weather and still accomplish the directed activity.

b. LOW NOTE:

Requirements in this area, as approved by the Special Group, are for coverage of each COMOR target once per month with the stipulation that approved sorties are not to exceed two per month. This requirement to be reviewed in three months.

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Experience to date and the estimate of continued poor weather in the areas of interest would indicate that the first sortie per month should be scheduled the first week of the month and the second sortie should be left open to enable an immediate follow on mission to take advantage of any break in the weather.

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Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

The recommendations contained  
in paragraphs 2. and 3. are approved:

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